

REMARKS

In the subject Final Office Action, claims 1-61 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103, in view of Kannan and Walden, and various further combinations with Wolfe, Peercy or Blumenthal. In response, Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's rejections.

However, Applicants have amended claims 1 and 35 to simplify their preambles, and amended claims 14-15, 29-30, 37-42, 46-47, 49 and 60-61 to conform to these claims to the amendments being offered for claim 35. Additionally, Applicants have added new claims 64 and 65. None of the amendments has been entered to overcome the prior art. All amendments are fully supported by the original disclosure. No new matters has been introduced.

Claims 1-65 are now pending.

Claims 1-4, 9-12, 16-22, 25-27, 31-39, 42-44, 48-53, 56-58, 62, and 63 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 in view of Kannan and Walden combined.

As alluded to earlier, Applicants have amended claims 1 and 35 to simply their preambles, and amend claims 37-39, 42, and 49 to conform these claims to the amendments being offered for claim 35. The amendments offered are merely formality in nature. They are not offered to overcome the prior art. They do not raise support or new issues requiring new searches. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request their entry.

In rejecting these claims, the Examiner reasoned that while Kannan failed to teach "determining, based on content of a locator, whether to provide browsing assistance", the deficiency is remedied by Walden. The Examiner reasoned that "Walden teaches using the content of a locator of an information page requested to be retrieved and displayed to provide information browsing assistance". Applicants respectfully submit the Examiner has misread the teachings of Walden.

In the passage relied by the Examiner, column 4, lines 14-18, Walden merely disclosed that “Whereas the prior art required the indexing of help navigation information into help content files which are associated with the program, the present invention uses so-called universal resource locators or “URLs” to access help information”.

A further reading of the remaining disclosure of Walden (e.g. col. 7, lines 12-52) shows that all Walden was teaching was using URL to retrieve additional or more current help information. For example, starting in col. 7, line 23, Walden stated:

The HTML pane display in FIG. 7 contains the selected content information corresponding to the selected navigational information from the navigational pane. The information provided in the HTML pane can be located on CD-ROM, on a hard drive or any other storage and retrieval mechanism known in the art. The information may also contain multimedia or active content data. Significantly, the information displayed in the HTML pane contains HTML files which can be located anywhere (the Internet, CD-ROM, hard drive etc). which the user can select. Once selected, the user can access help information via the Internet, as an example.

Thus, Walden’s teaching is limited to using URL to retrieve additional information, which is the basic purpose and usage of URL. The disclosed usage is not the same as the required providing assistance to information browsing based on the content of a locator of an information page recited in independent claims 1, 19, 35, and 50.

Accordingly, independent claims 1, 19, 35, and 50, and claims 2-4, 9-12, 16-18, 20-22, 25-27, 31-34, 36-39, 42-44, 48-49, 51-53, 56-58, 62, and 63 dependent from the independent claims are all patentable over Kannan, even when combined with Walden.

Claims 5-8, 23-24, 40-41 and 54-55 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 in view of Kannan, Walden and Wolfe. Wolfe does not remedy the above discussed deficiency of Kannan and Walden. Therefore, claims 1, 19, 35, and 50 remain patentable over Kannan and Walden, even when combined with Wolfe. Claims 5-8, 23-24, 40-41 and 54-55 depend from

claims 1, 18, 35 and 50, incorporating their limitations respectively. Therefore, for at least the same reasons, claims 5-8, 23-24, 40-41 and 54-55 are patentable over Kannan, Walden and Wolfe combined.

Claims 13, 28, 45 and 59 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 in view of Kannan, Walden and Percy. Percy does not remedy the above discussed deficiency of Kannan and Walden. Therefore, claims 1, 19, 35, and 50 remain patentable over Kannan and Walden, even when combined with Percy. Claims 13, 28, 45 and 59 depend from claims 1, 18, 35 and 50, incorporating their limitations respectively. Therefore, for at least the same reasons, claims 13, 28, 45 and 59 are patentable over Kannan, Walden and Percy combined.

Claims 14, 15, 29, 30, 46, 47, 60 and 61 were rejected in view of Kannan, Walden and Blumenthal. Blumenthal does not remedy the above discussed deficiency of Kannan and Walden. Therefore, claims 1, 19, 35, and 50 remain patentable over Kannan and Walden, even when combined with Blumenthal. Claims 14, 15, 29, 30, 46, 47, 60 and 61 depend from claims 1, 18, 35 and 50, incorporating their limitations respectively. Therefore, for at least the same reasons, claims 14, 15, 29, 30, 46, 47, 60 and 61 are patentable over Kannan, Walden and Blumenthal combined.

New Claims 64-65

New claims 64 and 65 contain in substance the same limitations previously presented at least in claim 50. Accordingly, they do not present any new issues requiring new searches. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request their entry.

Further, for at least the same reasons discussed earlier for claim 50, claims 64 and 65 are patentable over the cited references.

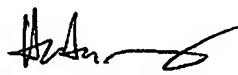
Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit claims 1-65 are in condition for allowance. Earlier issuance of Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

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